

## MUST LOOK DEEPER INTO FOLKES CASE

Mayor Still Urges Committee to Act, With Grand Jury Inquiry Ended.

**REPORT PROVES NOTHING**  
Question of Abolishing Janitor Job Urged, as There Is No Armory to Watch.

"The more fact that the grand jury did not return any indictment does not prove that Janitor T. W. Folkes, of the First Regiment Armory, is guilty of any improper conduct in connection with the recent Council primary," said Mayor D. C. Richardson yesterday. "I certainly hope that the Grounds and Buildings Committee will look well into the matter."

The Mayor returned yesterday morning from Macdon, Ga., where he attended the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans. In discussing the election of Mr. Folkes, he said that in his possession outside of the polling place at Second Jefferson Precinct an official election ballot contrary to law. The Mayor said that he had not yet determined whether he should himself take up the case.

"The City Attorney," he explained, "has always made a distinction between officers and employees. The city charter provides that the Mayor may remove or suspend a city officer, but Mr. Folkes is an employee, not an officer. He is employed by the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings, and I have already called the attention of that committee to Mr. Folkes' admissions, and to certain allegations in the public press, and recommended an investigation. I have no doubt, now that the grand jury has been discharged from the consideration of Folkes' matters, that the committee will take up the case and determine whether or not its employee has acted improperly."

**Shows Need of Fergusson Law.**

The admission of the grand jury that the law was violated, taken with its failure to return any indictment, is generally held to be a strong argument in favor of the adoption of the Fergusson ordinance now pending before the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, designed to break up pernicious political activity on the part of minor city employees, some of whom it is openly charged, were employed and draw their salaries, not for the value of their services to the city, but because of their influence as precinct ward politicians. Should the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, after inquiry, decide that Mr. Folkes' connection with the recent primary was improper, and vacate his position, it has been suggested that it be allowed to remain vacant. The old First Regiment Armory will be removed within the next few weeks, and it will be more than a year before the new building, plans for which are now being prepared, will be ready for use. The employment by the city of a janitor for a building not yet begun is regarded as an entirely unnecessary waste of city funds, except by those who, in preparing for the coming Administration Board primary, desire to see every available vote lined up with the city employees in favor of shorter hours and increased pay for everybody rather than in favor of public improvements and the upbuilding of the city.

It has been reported to members of the Grounds and Buildings Committee that Mr. Folkes has had other employment in addition to his duties as janitor of the armory, and the committee is desirous of finding out how much time he has devoted to the city.

## BISHOP TO SPEAK TO NEW DOCTORS

Delivers Address at Medical College of Virginia Finals on May 28.

**WILL INCREASE FACULTY**  
More Students Enrolled This Year Than Ever Before at Old Institution.

Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, of the Richmond Diocese, will deliver the address to the graduating class of the Medical College of Virginia at the exercises in the City Auditorium on the evening of Tuesday, May 28. The seventy-fifth annual commencement of the institution will begin with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, May 26, and will continue through Tuesday, when the festivities will end late at night with the annual alumni dinner at the Commonwealth Club.

In its long history of three-quarters of a century the Medical College of Virginia has never reached out a class which has been as generally successful as the one now approaching its completion. The statement is a common one in the season of commencement, but in the case of Virginia's oldest medical school it is particularly significant. Not only have more students been enrolled this year than during any other preceding year, but the quality of work and general results have been more than ordinarily satisfying. The college register shows that 305 students were enrolled this year, the largest number in the history of the institution.

**Elect New Professors.**  
Special significance attaches to the meeting of the board of visitors this year because of the faculty increases which are expected to take place. While nothing definite has yet been announced in advance of the board meeting, which takes place at noon Tuesday, May 28, it is known that the college contemplates adding to its faculty at least two new professors.

The board of visitors will also elect new professors to fill the two vacancies caused by the deaths of Dr. Daniel J. Coleman, of the chair of obstetrics, and Dr. John P. Davidson, who was instructor in diseases of the eye and ear. Announcement of the physicians associated with the college will be made by Dean Christopher Tompkins Tuesday night.

The graduating class this year will number about sixty, of which forty-five will be from the department of medicine and the others from the departments of pharmacy and dentistry. The class is larger than that of any previous year.

**Commencement Program.**  
The official program follows: Sunday, May 26—8 P. M., Baccalaureate sermon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Rev. W. A. Russell Bowie.

Monday, May 27—Clinics at hospital; 8 P. M., adjutant faculty smoker at the college.  
Tuesday, May 28—10 A. M., Alumni meeting at the college; 12 noon, meeting of the board of visitors; 2 P. M., luncheon to the alumni in the laboratory; 3 P. M., luncheon to the board of visitors in the college building; 4 P. M., closing session of the Alumni Society; 8 P. M., graduation exercises in the City Auditorium. Invocation by Dr. H. D. C. Macchellan, of the Seventh Street Christian Church, address by Dean Christopher Tompkins; address by the Dean; commencement address by Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell; benediction by Dr. Macchellan.

**Line Burels on Fire.**  
Fire in several line burels in West Grace Street, in front of a dwelling, caused a general alarm of fire to be turned in. The blaze was put out in a few minutes.

## TWO HUNDRED GIRLS JOIN IN MAY DAY CEREMONIES

Under a sullen sky, which threatened every minute to open its flood gates and drown their fiery, 200 girls, dressed in white and carrying wreaths

## CARNEAL HOUSE HIT BY STORM

Family Hurried to Basement as Windows Crashed and Tin Roof Disappeared.

The residence of J. D. Carneal, located off the Broad Street Road, near Acca, caught the brunt of the storm yesterday afternoon and was badly damaged. Members of the family, who moved there a week ago, having been driven to the basement, as windows were knocked out and the tin roof ripped away. The residence is quite old and handsome, having been greatly improved lately by the owner. The tin roof was blown about 200 yards from the place. The water tank was torn down, a gasoline engine house was unroofed, and trees were uprooted.

When the window panes were crashing about the damaged second story, and the family hurried to the basement, where conditions were regarded as safer. The damage, partly due to water, will reach several thousand dollars. Like the tornado which suddenly descended upon Joseph Bryan Park, the storm about the Carneal residence lasted only a few minutes, but it was fierce while it blew. Property nearby escaped.

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## HOWITZERS PLAN HISTORIC MARCH

Battery Anxious to Hike From Fredericksburg to Richmond Over Battlefields.

**DEPENDS ON GOVERNOR MANN**  
Can Only Be Done if Men Are Excused From Mt. Gretna Encampment.

Plans for a hike through the most historic country in Virginia are being laid by the Richmond Howitzers, the route being from Fredericksburg, by Chancellorsville and the Wilderness to Spotsylvania Courthouse, and thence to Richmond, following lines which formed almost one continuous battlefield. The trip is contingent on the Governor's action on the request of the battery that it be excused from the Mt. Gretna encampment this summer, as many of the soldiers would be unable to get away from business for two trips. The date of the "Battlefield Hike" will be set as far as possible to suit the convenience of a majority of the members of the battery, probably late in June.

**Start at Fredericksburg.**  
The plan under discussion provides for a special train to Fredericksburg, where the battery will spend a day as guest of the citizens visiting the surrounding battle fields, the Palmyra Heights surrounding Chatham on the north bank of the Rappahannock, the headquarters of General Burnside, and on the other side of the town Mary's Heights, now the site of the State Normal School. Leaving Fredericksburg the battery will march by way of the field of Salem Church to Chancellorsville, and passing the monument erected to mark the spot where General Stonewall Jackson fell mortally wounded, will camp on the field of the battle of the Wilderness, on a farm owned by Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., aide to the staff of Jackson, and now the chaplain of the First Battalion, Field Artillery.

Leaving the field of the Wilderness the battery will be piloted by Dr. Smith along the roads by which Jackson made his famous detour which placed his army in the rear of the Federal lines at Chancellorsville, marching southeast to Spotsylvania Courthouse, and thence to Guinea Station, where Jackson died. The route thence south will follow the Telegraph Road, known as a continuous line of battle by Milford to Ashland, and thence by the field of Yellow Tavern, where General J. E. B. Stuart fell, into Richmond.

**Twelve Miles Per Day.**  
The marching distance is about seventy-five miles, and allowing seven days, the average march will be about twelve and one-half miles a day, giving sufficient time for stops at various points of special interest. The battery will carry three motor wagons with rations, one ambulance, one field gun for subsistence practice, and pistols for target work. Lectures are being planned for each evening by some officer on the battlefield or scenes visited that day. It is expected that a score or more veterans of the Confederate service will accompany the battery on this trip, as they did on the march down the Valley several years ago, visiting again the scenes of some of the most famous battles of the war.

A committee is now outlining detailed plans for the march, and will make a report in a few days. In 1907 the Howitzers marched from Richmond to the Jamestown Exposition, a distance of 124 miles, carrying full equipment, reaching the exposition on Virginia day in time to participate, even though dust covered and travel stained in the military review of that day.

In 1908 the battery made an historic march down the Valley of Virginia from Staunton to Alexandria, a distance of 145 miles, carrying only three escort wagons in lieu of guns. The hike now being planned, it is anticipated, will be the most interesting yet undertaken by the battery, as it does an almost continuous line of battlefields, including the almost continuous fighting between Grant and Lee in 1861 over nearly the entire area.

**PANHANDLERS BUSY**

Police Trying to Rid City of Host of Beggars.  
For more than a week the Police Department has been busy in an effort to break up street begging. Late yesterday afternoon, however, panhandlers of every description have infested the city, coming here from many sections.

So far but few have been arrested, police merely warning the alms-seekers. However, if a man or woman is found to be persistent in imposing upon the public, an arrest for disorderly conduct and begging in the street follows.

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## TORNADO SWEEPS OVER BRYAN PARK

One Hundred and Fifty Trees Uprooted and Keeper's House Damaged.

**TOOK EVERYTHING IN PATH**  
Ancient Buildings Escape, While Giant Oaks and Cedars Are Wrecked.

Joseph Bryan Park was damaged by a tornado early yesterday afternoon, as many as 150 fine old forest trees having been snapped off or uprooted. It is considered remarkable that there was no loss of life, since the storm swept everything in its path. City Engineer Bolling, who inspected the park after the storm, said that irreparable damage had been done, that the finest trees in the grove had been destroyed.

"I do not think I ever saw such devastation," said Mr. Bolling. "The keeper's house and other buildings were damaged by falling trees, and injury has been done to the magnificent grove which cannot be estimated in money. Trees are some which it will take 100 years to replace. Healthy red cedars with trunks eighteen inches in diameter were snapped off above ground, and many of the fine old oaks which surrounded the Mordecai house have been uprooted."

While more or less damage was done throughout the neighborhood, a house in course of erection being blown down on the Hermitage Road, the storm seems to have centered in the park, where two clouds met between 1 and 2 o'clock, sending down an avalanche of water which filled the lake to overflowing, and which was accompanied by wind of a kind seldom if ever before experienced in that vicinity.

The park embraces a tract of 262 acres surrounding the lake formerly known as Young's Pond, and was once the home of the Mordecai family. It was presented to the city as a public park about two years ago by the late Mrs. Joseph Bryan and her sons, as a memorial to Mr. Bryan. The city has rebuilt the dam, erected a keeper's house and made other improvements, throwing the park open as a picnic ground and place of public recreation. The chief attraction here is the grove of trees surrounding "Rosewood," the old Mordecai house, and the original forest growth surrounding the upper part of the lake. Plans are now being prepared for erection of memorial gates, granolithic walkways and other improvements. The park is about two miles northwest of the city on the Hermitage Road.

Following a morning of heavy showers, the grounds were deserted save for the presence of Keeper P. A. Lane and his family in the keeper's house and the entrance, and those living at Rosewood.

For some time there were in terror of their lives, as great trees were uprooted in every direction, some of them being hurled against the houses with violence. It is regarded as remarkable that the other buildings stood when strong healthy trees were twisted from their roots.

When the storm had passed, Keeper Lane found that his telephone line had gone down with the wreckage. Looking on the Hermitage Road, a half mile nearer the city had apparently escaped injury, and from there a message was sent to City Engineer Bolling, who went out at once to see what could be done to protect city property. The roof of the keeper's house was found to be broken in by a great tree which had fallen across it, and much damage had been done to the other buildings. The lake was overflowing, and in every direction the way was blocked by uprooted trees or heavy limbs torn away by the fury of the storm.

**SAYS HE STOLE \$250**

Detectives Believe Negro Robbed Distributing Company.  
Jacob Allen, colored, twenty-nine years old, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Wiley, Kellam and Krenzel as a suspicious character, suspected of robbing the Negro Distributing Company, Inc., 20 East Broad Street. The money was reported stolen from the safe early on Monday morning several weeks ago. The safe was open and the place practically deserted at the time.

Allen was employed by the concern, and yesterday the detectives secured evidence which indicated that he was some fresh air causes tuberculosis. Of course, they do. I tell you, we owe a great debt of gratitude to the detectives for the things they detected. I have been told that we spend \$50,000,000 every year in Richmond to keep the children how to spell, and read and write, and \$50,000,000 more for the frills.

"I did not go to school; I went to the war. Our college graduates in the Council are taking off the bark. They found at one session that in an East End school they are making brick without straw in the manual department, and bread without salt in the cooking department; that the dancing department had cut out the Virginia reel and the turkey trot and the round dances; that the burnt wood class burned six cords of wood in one day while the town was freezing; that they even examined the eyes of the children, and made them wash their faces, if said faces weren't clean; that the children of the old families had to sit in the same assembly hall with the children of honest working men; that boys were sent to the stocks if they were shies. It makes my blood boil. It fills me with indignation—I slap the vile offender on the wrist and pass along."

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## LAUGHLIN TO TALK ON BANK TOPICS

Chicago Expert Chief Guest at Chamber Smoker To-Morrow Night.

Professor J. Lawrence Laughlin, of Chicago University, will be principal speaker to-morrow night at the Chamber of Commerce smoker in the Jefferson Hotel Auditorium. It will be the third general meeting of the chamber membership this year, and will be made the occasion of a number of instructive talks. After the addresses refreshments will be served and an opportunity will be afforded for meeting the invited guests of the evening.

"Currency and Banking" will be the subject of Professor Laughlin's address. The Chicago professor, who heads the department of political economy at the university, has made a lifelong study of the banking systems of this country and of Europe, and is known as an authority upon the subject. As chairman of the committee on award in an annual prize competition offered by the well-known Chicago firm for the best essay on an economic subject, written by an American undergraduate, he has attained national prominence.

Professor Laughlin is at present on a tour of the South in the interest of currency reform, and has delivered within the past two weeks a number of addresses before Southern colleges and commercial bodies. During the past week he spoke in Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham and other Carolina cities.

The other address of the evening will be made by Ashton Starke on the subject, "Richmond's Work." Mr. Starke was one of the speakers at the Dollar Dinner, and helped to enlighten things with one of the wittiest and most pointed brief talks of the big civic occasion. The smoker will begin at 8 o'clock to-morrow night, and members are asked by the committee on arrangements to be on time.

## FAIL TO TEACH BOYS HOW TO SAVE JACK IN SETBACK GAME

Joe Dope Also Finds That Public School Pupils Are Not Taught Value of Full Hand in Deck Skinned Down to the Sixes.

"Take it from me, Bo," said Colonel Joe Dope last night, "this school inquiry has got to be far reaching. They have already proved on the cross-examination that they don't dance at one school, and they will prove this week that boys are not required to take up knitting, but they've got to cut out this ping-pong in the higher classes. When my boy came home Friday I asked him where he stood in his class. He said he stood foot. Being a stern parent, I reprimanded him, but he said that somebody had to stand foot and it might as well be him. It is all right to let the girl knit, but it's wrong to let the boy cook unless we expect them to take a post-graduate course on a canal boat. Cooking for boys shows this suffragette tendency. If there are suffragettes on the teaching staff the taxpayers ought to know it."

"As you doubtless know, I belong to this old school. I don't believe in these new-fangled frills. Why, they tell me that the Council committee has ordered through detectives that the boys are permitted to play ball during recess, that each school has its little team, and that they play in the afternoon and on Saturday. Do you suppose the investigating committee will stand for that when its members know that outdoor exercise and fresh air are bad for the lungs? Don't the members know that plenty of wholesome fresh air causes tuberculosis? Of course, they do. I tell you, we owe a great debt of gratitude to the detectives for the things they detected. I have been told that we spend \$50,000,000 every year in Richmond to keep the children how to spell, and read and write, and \$50,000,000 more for the frills.

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## WOUNDED NEGRO DRENCHED TO SKIN

Picked Up in Street With Broken Skull and Arm, Dying Later in Hospital.

Joseph Cross, colored, twenty-four years old, whose home was said to be in the rear of 103 North Third Street, was found unconscious and in a dying condition yesterday morning about 6 o'clock at Central and Broad Streets. Whether he had been hit by a passing freight train or whether he was the victim of an assault could not be determined. He was removed to the City Hospital, but despite all efforts of Dr. R. E. Watts to save his life, he died at 11 o'clock.

In a period of consciousness at the hospital Cross said that he was assaulted by an unidentified man and robbed of \$36 in cash and a gold watch. In his clothes were found a pawn ticket, dated May 11, for a pair of trousers, and 70 cents in cash. This evidence apparently does not bear out his statement of having been held up. His injuries included a compound fracture of the skull, a broken nose, and his left arm was broken.

Though the police began an early investigation of the case, little information which might lead to the facts was secured. Taylor viewed the body and will conduct an inquiry this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the City Hall.

**Doctors Meet To-Morrow.**  
The regular meeting of the Academy of Medicine and Surgery will be held to-morrow night, at which papers will be read by Dr. W. A. Shepherd and Dr. Robert C. Hyman. The discussion will be opened by Dr. E. G. Hopkins and Dr. Lawrence T. Price.

## KNOCKED DOWN BY TOURING CAR

Arthur Arrington Picked Up by Mrs. Lee, the Driver, and Rushed to Hospital.

Before a large number of churchgoers, Arthur Arrington, of 18 South Third Street, was run down yesterday morning about 11 o'clock by a big Chalmers touring car driven by Mrs. Arthur W. Lee, of 1611 West Grace Street, in Grace Street, between Fifth and Sixth. He was knocked down by the fender and one of the front wheels passed over his leg. Spectators, many of whom rushed to his aid, at first thought that he had been killed. He was picked up by T. A. Lancaster, Jr., and taken to the hospital in a machine when Dr. Mann said last night.

An examination by Dr. Herbert Mann showed that no bones had been broken, but that he was bruised about the leg and arm. He will probably be able to leave the hospital in a day or two, Dr. Mann said last night.

Mr. Arrington was on his way to church at the time of the accident, and apparently did not heed the warning note of the siren sounded by Mrs. Lee. She was driving slowly, but too fast to instantly stop the machine when Mr. Arrington stepped before it.

Mrs. Lee, whose son was with her, said last night that she was driving the car slowly, but it was impossible for her to stop it when Mr. Arrington suddenly stepped in its path. At the hospital she directed that every possible attention be given him.

Mr. Arrington is vice-president of the Southern Fire Prevention and Specialty Corporation, 102 North Eighth Street.

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